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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed March 19, 2003, applicant elects, with traverse, the species in which carbon dioxide is the expansion sources. Such precursors include carbonates. Claims 1-22 and 24-32 read on the elected species. Applicant also requests redrafting of the election of species to permit election from among species that include a hydrodynamic fluid-imbibing polymer and a hydrostatic pressure modulating agent (see, Examples), but not necessarily a gaseous expansion source.

REMARKS

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Claims 1-32 are pending. All are retained pending reconsideration of the requirement for election.